

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	*	<b>CRIMINAL DOCKET</b>
<b>VERSUS</b>	*	<b>NO. 10-239</b>
<b>CHRISTOPHER ALLEN</b>	*	<b>SECTION: "F"</b>
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**FACTUAL BASIS**

If this case were to proceed to trial, the Government would prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through reliable and competent evidence, the following facts:

In November 2009, Special agents of the United States Secret Service ("USSS") received information that CHRISTOPHER ALLEN ("ALLEN") was involved in the cashing of counterfeit checks at Wal-Mart stores in Texas. On August 3, 2010, USSS Special Agent Ricky Rauch ("SA Rauch") was informed of an individual who had attempted to cash a counterfeit payroll check at a Wal-Mart store in Algiers, Louisiana. When questioned about the source of the counterfeit check, the cooperating individual ("CI") informed SA Rauch that the check dated July 30, 2010, bearing the business name "AT&T Accounting/Payroll," in the amount of \$796.16, was given to the CI from ALLEN. The CI provided SA Rauch another counterfeit check dated July 26, 2010, bearing the

business name "Best Buick Pontiac GMC," in the amount of \$834.87, that ALLEN had given to the CI. The CI told SA Rauch that the CI had been to ALLEN's residence located at 6912 Bunker Hill Road, New Orleans, Louisiana 70127, where the CI received the counterfeit payroll checks.

On August 5, 2010, USSS Special Agents conducted an undercover purchase of counterfeit checks from ALLEN using another cooperating individual ("CI-2"). The plan was to have CI-2 pay ALLEN \$400 of government undercover funds, representing proceeds of the check negotiated by CI, and in exchange, CI-2 would obtain counterfeit checks to be used for further transactions. CI-2 contacted ALLEN telephonically and ALLEN arranged a meeting at the Chevron station, located at 7000 Crowder Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana, which was less than one mile from ALLEN's residence. CI-2 obtained from ALLEN's associate four (4) counterfeit checks, each dated July 30, 2010, in the amount of \$771.21 and bearing the business name, "AT&T Accounting/Payroll".

On August 6, 2010, USSS Agents, in conjunction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), the New Orleans Police Department, and Louisiana State Police (LSP) executed a search warrant at ALLEN's residence located at 6912 Bunker Hill Road, New Orleans, Louisiana 70127. They found and seized the following items inside the residence: eight (8) firearms, ammunition, stack of white plastic, bank check stock and check printing paraphernalia, a parasitic video camera with wireless receiver and transmitter, five (5) counterfeit payroll checks (four bearing "Yellow" Cab, and one bearing "State of Minnesota Revenue"), \$340 of the money used to conduct the undercover purchase of the counterfeit checks by CI-2 (identified by serial numbers), computers, printers, and \$2,729 in genuine currency. The four Yellow Cab counterfeit checks were all dated August 5, 2010, in the amounts of \$776.43, \$732.51, \$723.60, and \$732.51. The State of Minnesota Revenue counterfeit payroll check was dated July 27, 2010, in the amount of \$2,800.

The Agents interviewed ALLEN at his residence. SA Rauch advised ALLEN of his Miranda rights, which ALLEN waived both verbally and in writing. ALLEN admitted that he began printing counterfeit payroll checks after purchasing the Versacheck software from OfficeMax. ALLEN advised that he received account numbers from other associates and from “trash pulls” at area businesses and banks. ALLEN further provided that he obtained the social security numbers necessary for the transactions from other associates, as well as from friends and family members and “trash pulls.” According to ALLEN, he printed the checks and would distribute them personally or through associates to the check cashers. ALLEN targeted Wal-Mart stores where the check cashers could negotiate the counterfeit checks. Additionally, ALLEN stated that after the checks were negotiated, the check cashers would return approximately fifty percent of the check proceeds, either to ALLEN directly or through his associates.

ALLEN further admitted to ownership of all the firearms and ammunition recovered in the house. The firearms and ammunition are described as follows: (1) Israel Weapon Industry .44 caliber pistol, model Desert Eagle, bearing serial number 9523473, (2) Bryco Arms 9 millimeter pistol, model Jennings Nine, bearing serial number 1358603, (3) Sig Sauer 9 millimeter pistol, model P239, bearing serial number SA65785, (4) Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver, model 38, serial number obliterated, (5) Ruger .45 caliber pistol, model P345, serial number obliterated, (6) Olympic Arms Incorporated .223 caliber rifle, model PCR, bearing serial number KX3649, (7) Norinco 7.62 caliber rifle, model SKS, bearing serial number 1404658, (8) Norinco 7.62 caliber rifle, model SKS, bearing serial number 0143230085, (9) Wolf 7.62 caliber ammunition- 48 rounds, Winchester 9 millimeter ammunition- 63 rounds, Winchester .44 caliber ammunition- 52 rounds, Remington .357 caliber ammunition - 94 rounds, Winchester .45 caliber ammunition- 12 rounds, and Federal .223 caliber

ammunition - 18 rounds. ALLEN was aware that he was a convicted felon and that it was illegal for him to possess a firearm or ammunition. He also admitted that although he did not remove the serial numbers from two of the firearms, he was aware that the two firearms did not have the serial numbers on them when he purchased them. ALLEN also consented and provided SA Rauch with a written statement detailing his involvement in this case.

Further investigation revealed that ALLEN previously has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to wit: a conviction on or about June 24, 2010, in the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for Gonzales County, Texas, Docket Number 46-10-CR, for Tampering with Physical Evidence in violation of Texas Penal Code Sec. 37.09.

The above-referenced eight firearms, including the Bryco Arms 9 millimeter pistol, model Jennings Nine, bearing serial number 1358603, were not manufactured in the State of Louisiana; therefore, they have affected interstate commerce.

**APPROVED AND ACCEPTED:**

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CHRISTOPHER ALLEN  
Defendant

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GARY SCHWABE  
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